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LETTER DATED 10 MARCH 1999 FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 864 (1993) CONCERNING THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit the attached letter of 9 March 1999 addressed to me by the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Angola, Afonso Van Dunem "Mbinda", on the subject of the sanctions imposed pursuant to Security Council resolution 864 (1993) (see annex). The Permanent Representative of Angola has requested that the letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council. I would be grateful if this would be done.

(Signed) Robert R. FOWLER
Chairman
Security Council Committee established
pursuant to resolution 864 (1993)
concerning the situation in Angola

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Annex

Letter dated 9 March 1999 from the Permanent Representative of Angola to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 864 (1993) concerning the situation in Angola

I have the honour to transmit the following update on the current situation in Angola to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 864 (1993) concerning the situation in Angola.

The Republic of Angola is once more confronted by a war situation led by the military forces of Jonas Savimbi, who persists in the attempt to take power by force.

Despite the various political and diplomatic efforts that the Angolan Government has already made with the international community in order to stop the provision of political and material support to the militarist wing of Jonas Savimbi, especially the innumerable sanctions approved by the United Nations Security Council, such efforts have been compromised by some African countries. Thus, it underlines Zambian support, which is substantiated by the following:

1. Direct support of the Zambian Government, prominently led by the Vice-President of the Republic through the intelligence services of that country.

2. The involvement of Zambian enterprises and some individual personalities in the sale and purchase of lethal materials and foodstuffs for the União Nacional para a Independência Total de Angola (UNITA) forces of Jonas Savimbi such as:

(a) The Zambezi Lodge motel in the north-western province of Zambia, approximately 90 kilometres from the Angolan border, with the aim of facilitating the use of aircraft with great transport capacity, in aid of which a landing strip was renovated and restrictive access measures were taken. This enterprise is owned by Benjamin Yoran Mwila, former Defence Minister of Zambia, a relative of General Chata of the UNITA military forces;

(b) Enock Kavindele, former Minister of Commerce and Industry of Zambia, personal friend to Jonas Savimbi;

(c) Timi Green, personal friend to General Bock of the UNITA military forces;

(d) Miro Goncalves, a businessman of Portuguese nationality;

(e) Tinsit Allain, a businessman of Algerian nationality;

(f) Mr. Paul and Mr. Mulyata the first being a mechanic by profession, and resident in Solwezi, whose means of transport are hired weekly by UNITA in Cazombo;

(g) Paul Joseph Mannemplavan, in alliance with Mr. Mulyata, owns a grinding mill in Cazombo, which supplies mealie meal to the UNITA military forces;

(h) The South African company, Metex International, uses Zambian airports and its airspace to supply material to the UNITA military forces with Government consent;

(i) Chani Interprises Ltd. transports arms and ammunition for the UNITA military forces.

3. In Zambia, UNITA has increased its facilities for logistical supplies and uses the following:

(a) Mpolo airport near Lusaka;

(b) Mansa airport in Luapula Province close to the Democratic Republic of the Congo;

(c) Kasama airport in the northern province;

(d) Mfuwe airport in the Luangwa South National Park;

(e) Storage of large quantities of fuel in Ndola.

4. UNITA and its suppliers frequently use the following routes:

(a) Zambia/Zambezi - Chingi in the Zambian side and Karipande on the Angolan side;

(b) Via Nguvu - route used with more frequency by businessmen, for instance in the case of Mrs. Like Harriet Nakazwe of Lusaka, who supplies large quantities of fuel;

(c) Nyachikay - particularly used by people from Cangamba, Lumbala, N'guimbo UNITA denominated military base number 29 and adjacent areas. This route is utilized especially to transport fish, which are sold in Zambia;

(d) Lutembwe Cassessi - with the same frequency and objective already mentioned above;

(e) Chavuma/Karipande, which links to the Cambinda road in Angola where ivory, fish, game meat and honey are transported in exchange for clothes;

(f) Calombo/Chavuma, known as Camissambo Chicongolo. In this area the same produce is transported in a manner similar to that mentioned above;

(g) The route in the district of Kabompo known as Dicolonga, which links the UNITA base in Macondo (Angola) and the Zambian village of Dicolonga and the vast area of Chief Nhaculenga.

5. To ensure the normal operation of supply system, Angelo Dembo, a UNITA official has been placed in Zambia with Zambian Government consent.

6. From 5 to 11 September 1998, a UNITA delegation, comprised of four (4) Generals, was in Zambia and had contact with the leadership of the ruling party, Movement for Multiparty Democracy (MMD), under the protection of intelligence services of that country.

7. In July 1998, about one hundred (100) trucks loaded with supplies left Kitwe for UNITA bases and penetrated Angolan territory through the Nangweshi-Caungamaxi route on the banks of the Kubango River.

8. In Cazombo, aircraft of the Hercules C-130 type, registration number 9J AFU, and Boeing 707 and 737, in Air Zambia colours from the Republic of Zambia, offloaded arms, ammunition, several projectiles and green military uniforms. The goods were then transported in two Toyota vehicles to the Lunhameje west base in Cazombo.

9. Five (5) vehicles of the Nbezi type, yellow in colour, with registration numbers 0832-22, AA897-4, 675-944, 091576 and A874-99, belonging to a Portuguese trader known as Mr. Lopes Baptista, resident in Zambezi, Zambia, has been transporting through the Zambia/Angola border warlike materials, with ammunition, bombshells, military uniforms and fuel to the forces of Jonas Savimbi.

I request you to circulate this letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Afonso VAN DUNEM "MBINDA"
Ambassador
Permanent Representative